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To the FCC

RE: Comments on Docket WT 05-235, Morse Requirements for an Amateur Radio License

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Please do NOT remove the morse requirement from the Amateur Service. Morse reception and transmission is an art and language that must be preserved. The Commission must look far into the future and decide today that elimination of this requirement is not in the best future interest of the Amateur Service.

The morse requirement is a long standing and integral part of the Amateur Service. The morse requirement is a stalwart admission to the Amateur Service and should not be pushed off to the side by those who wish admission without proper credentials.

When all else fails shorting of two wires together in an organized series of off and on can be heard around the world. Not other forms of digital or voice communication can match.

I have been long amused by the fact educated, intelligent people who readily pass a written exam on the technical merits of electronics refuse to and say they can not learn a simple language system. Baloney! They choose not to. They are capable. This small minority should not voice the majority opinion.

Removing this integral of Amateur Radio Service will eventually call for the elimination of CW subband and a proliferation of voice modes. You all ready have a CB band. Now you will create a much larger one.

Respectfully Submitted

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